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## **WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU FURTHER EXTENDS COMMENT DEADLINES IN SPECIAL ACCESS PROCEEDING**

**WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593**

**New Comment Date: September 25, 2015**

**New Reply Comment Date: October 16, 2015**

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) further extends the deadlines for interested parties to file comments and reply comments in response to Section IV.B of the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) in the Commission's special access rulemaking proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Comments are now due by September 25, 2015; reply comments are now due by October 16, 2015.

On December 11, 2012, the Commission adopted an order requiring providers and purchasers of special access service and certain entities providing "best efforts" service to submit data and information for a comprehensive evaluation of the special access market.<sup>2</sup> In Section IV.B of the FNPRM accompanying that order, the Commission sought comment on possible changes to its rules for the special access services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers in price cap areas.<sup>3</sup> The Commission set the comment deadlines on this portion of the FNPRM several months after its release, in order to give interested parties an opportunity to review the information collected before filing comments.<sup>4</sup> The Bureau subsequently extended the comment deadlines since the Bureau had not yet made the data available.<sup>5</sup> For similar reasons, the Bureau hereby further extends the comment and reply deadlines.

Specifically, the Bureau is in the process of allowing access to the data collected for interested parties to review pursuant to restrictions found in the previously issued protective order, but has yet to

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<sup>1</sup> See *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16318 (2012) (*Data Collection Order and FNPRM*); Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13189 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 10899 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014); Order, 29 FCC Rcd 14346 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).

<sup>2</sup> See *Data Collection Order and FNPRM*, 27 FCC Rcd at 16340, para. 52.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 16352-54, paras. 80-90.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 16359, para. 104.

<sup>5</sup> See *Comment Deadlines Further Extended in Special Access Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 2716 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2015) (*Public Notice*).

make the data available.<sup>6</sup> As a result, interested parties will not have adequate time to access and review the information collected prior to the current July 1 and July 22, 2015 comment and reply comment deadlines.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the Bureau hereby extends the deadline for filing comments to September 25, 2015, and reply comments to October 16, 2015.

For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Christopher Koves of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-8209 or at Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

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<sup>6</sup> *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Data Collection Protective Order, 29 FCC Rcd 11657 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).

<sup>7</sup> *Public Notice*, 30 FCC Rcd at 2716.